

a lecture or entertainment upon that night or I have some other engagement; and as far as it costs me nothing I am willing to try to live a Christian life.

As an active member, I promise to be true to all easy and pleasant duties, to be present and take some part in every Endeavor meeting, when I feel like doing so. If I do not feel like attending the monthly consecration meeting, I will if I do not forget it—send a verse of Scripture to be read in response to my name at roll call.

Dear friends is this the way you interpret the pledge or do you live it this way? I pray not. Think of a Christian bringing back his pledge card and asking that his name be taken from the society roll. Our answer must be, we can drop your name from the book, but as to the pledge you will have to take it to the One to whom you made it, he is the only one who has the right to release you. How little we realize the importance of the pledge, every young Christian worker can and should sign it. God only knows what an influence for good it has.

Let us rightly do our duty so that over our finished lives, Christ will write that proudest of epitaphs. "She hath done what she could."

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A MODERN JOSEPH.

A Scotch paper tells of a dream and its interpretation which in truthfulness will rank with Joseph's famous explanations:

A laborer of the Dundee harbor lately told his wife, on awakening, a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what might follow, as it has been understood that to dream of rats denotes coming calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she, poor woman, could not help him. His son, a sharp lad, who heard his father tell the story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keeps the public house that ye gang till sae often, and the two lean anes are me and my mither, and the blind ane is yourself, father."

Who could give a better answer?

BORN OF GOD.

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Beloved in the Lord: It has been sometime since I received your last letter. I was delighted to hear of your rapid growth in grace. Some are struggling to rise with Christ before they die with him. Crucifixion must precede resurrection. The old man must be put off, before the new man is put on. Col. iii, 9, 10; Eph. iv, 22, 23, 24, 25.

The manger was not low enough for Jesus, he went down to the cross. We too must follow his steps. 1 Peter ii, 21-25. We were born with a very sinful nature which grows with our growth, and strengthens with our strength. There is no redemption for the carnal nature. We must learn that we were awful sinners, that we were lost, doomed to death. This awful realization will make the sinner cry mightily unto God for help. The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin. 1 John i, 7-10. God must begin a new nature within us—a new life within the new nature. This new nature, and new life are sinless because born of God. 1 John iii, 9, and v, 18. Bless God, a good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, Matt. vii, 18. The carnal nature cannot serve God neither can the divine nature serve the devil. Rom. viii, 7; 2 Cor. vi, 14, 15, 16, 17.

Marvel not that I said unto you ye must be born again. St. John iii, 7.

That is a tremendous must in verse 7, but it is from heaven uttered by the Son of God and there is no way into God's kingdom without it. "O the minds that are blinded by Satan." 2 Cor. iv, 3, 4. The most of professors had better pray the prayer of the two blind men. "Lord that our eyes may be opened." Matt. xx, 33. Jesus will have compassion when we once learn that we are blind. St. John ix, 39. Let the believer that has not full salvation come in contact with some such passages of Scripture as these. "Be ye holy for I am holy." "Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. xii, 14. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse

ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. vii, 1. "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof." Rom. vi, 12.

Surely such words from God will make the believer cry out "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquities, and cleanse me from my sin" "Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." Psalms li, 2-7. "The old nature refined and polished is nothing but a whited sepulcher full of dead men's bones" Matt. xxiii, 27, 28. A new creature is all that can avail anything in Christ. Gal. vi, 15. "Begotten by the Holy Ghost conceived in purity, and born of God. The power of the highest shall over shadow thee." Luke i, 35. "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will to men." "Beloved now are we the sons of God." 1 John iii, 2. Too many are found according to Rev. ii, 2. "Keep very low at the feet of Jesus. He will save to the uttermost. Heb. vii, 25

Yours in Jesus.

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YOUR SON.

You want him to be a man. It doesn't make so much difference whether he is a "gentleman," so called, or not. But a man is a man the world over. Imagine Pilate leading the Man of Nazareth, thorn crowned and robed in purple mockery, before the people, crying, "Behold the gentleman!" Fancy the "two men in white apparel" saying to the men who were to revolutionize government and religion and conduct all over this world: "Ye gentlemen of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" Your boy shall be a man, and the model of his life you will help him to find in the manhood of the New Testament. Meekness of spirit, noble aspirations, a merciful disposition, purity of heart, cleanliness of thought, chastity, right conduct, moderation in speech, generosity, loyalty to duty, charity in judgment, practical wisdom—all these he will find in the Sermon on the Mount. All the cardinal principles, the sure foundations, upon which pure, true manhood is builded, he will find in the teachings and model of the New Testament. There is no other standard, no other model, of faultless manhood.—Robert J. Burdette.